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I appreciate this second opportunity to speak to you although I must say that hearing these two rather clear and somewhat classical statements of the two positions, I feel a little bit like the donkey in the famous story of the man who was visiting in Eastern Europe and had to get to a small village over the mountains. Not knowing how to go he hired a guide who arrived early in the morning in a wagon pulled by a donkey. They set off to a village over the mountains and they got to the first mountain and the donkey refused to go up. So the guide got out and he pulled the donkey up the mountain. They got to the second mountain and the same thing happened. At the third mountain as they got out the man said to his guide, I'm here because I have to get to the next village, you are here because you're guiding me, but tell me why did you bring the donkey? I want to say that I agree very much with what Admiral Turner said about the importance in research of an independent intelligence agency which provides that research to the Executive Branch, to the Congress and to the public. And I agree also on the importance of cooperation between the academic community and the CIA in the conduct of that research. But that seems to me to make it even more imperative that we "anti" the improper activities of the CIA because I think those improper activities interfere with the kind of relationship which